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New Braintree ATM set for Sep. 21

By Ellenor Downer
Staff Writer

NEW BRAINTREE – The town of New Braintree will hold its Annual Town Meeting Monday, Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. at the New Braintree Grade School, Memorial Drive.

Masks and all social distancing protocols will be strictly enforced. Nine of the ten articles are routine articles. The first article seeks acceptance of the results of the Annual Town Election held June 12. Article 2 asks voters to choose all the town officers not elected by ballot or appointed and Article 3 asks to hear the reports of the several town officers and committees.

Article 4, the FY 2021 budget, asks voters to raise and appropriate money for the following: Appointed Officers' Salaries including Animal Inspector, Zoning Enforcement Officer, Fire Chief/Forest Fire Warden, Register of Voters clerk and Veterans agent; General Government including Select Board's Expense, Town's Clerical Expense, Legal Fees, Printing Expense, Care of Town Common Lands and Cemeteries, Care of Clock and Bell, Operation & Maintenance of Town Hall Expense, Operation and Maintenance of Town Hall Payroll Expense, Maintenance of Town Garage, Board of Appeals Expense, Council

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Camp Putnam, Rutherford Road, New Braintree has a new sign at the entrance to the camp.

Camp Putnam gets a new sign

By Ellenor Downer
Staff Writer

NEW BRAINTREE – Camp Putnam displays a new sign at the intersection of Worcester Road and Rutherford Road. It has space to post camp events.

Duncan Stewart, former camp director and father of present director, Todd Stewart, said, "The new sign had been in the works for two years and was a collaboration of two members of our Board of Directors, Vin Lucchesi and Brenda Howland. Howland is the owner of 1st

String." The new sign replaces a large round saw blade painted white with Camp Putnam and a red feather painted on it. The old sign got relocated near the camp dining hall.

Due to COVID-19, it was an unusual year for camp. The dining hall remained silent; campers did not hike the woods or splash in the swimming pool. They did not explore the ponds and wetlands.

Stewart said, "In terms of fundraisers, both of our spring 'at camp' fundraisers were cancelled: Red Feather Ramble and Barbeque and Summer Solstice Dinner.

They are two of our major activities and normally provide a significant boost to our finances as we get ready to open camp."

Instead of the much larger fundraising events, the Board of Directors held two small "Grab N' Go" lunches. Ed and Sue Reed, Russell Stannard and Heather Stewart prepared box lunches, which folks came to camp to pick up. They could then take and eat outside on the camp property or take to consume elsewhere.

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Roberta Watson, from left, receives an award certificate and pin from Sturbridge Rotary Club co-president Klaus Hachfeld.

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Rotary honors CFC head gardener

STURBRIDGE – At a recent meeting held via Zoom, the Sturbridge Rotary Club hosted Co-Director of the St. John Paul II Food Pantry, Roberta Watson. Watson spoke about the impact felt at the pantry as a result of the Coronavirus. She cited statistics of household, individual and senior use at the pantry pre-Covid compared to what the statistics are today. While the use of the pantry was higher pre-Covid, participation decreased considerably and only recently has it started to increase. Watson particularly expressed her concern for reduced use of the pantry by seniors and checked with them as to their needs and/or concerns.

Watson also serves as head gardener at the Community Food Collaborative (CFC), another volunteer position she

holds. Following her presentation, club co-president Ken Jones presented Watson with a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow recognition for her untiring work not only at the garden but at the Food Pantry as well. Watson feels very strongly about providing quality products and dignity to all clients at the pantry as well as growing quality products and showing respect to and welcoming all volunteers at the garden. Not only does she work hard in both volunteer positions, she does so with a smile and genuine concern for everyone. She's patient and very willing to educate volunteers concerning plants, plant pests, and the fine balance between soil and water needs for various types of plants.

Because Watson's recognition was given via Zoom,

co-president Klaus Hachfeld volunteered at the next garden work session and personally presented the award certificate and pin to her. The recognition is a way of honoring an individual who goes above and beyond what is expected, and in this case, not only for the pantry and the CFC garden, but in her everyday life.

The Sturbridge Rotary Club donated \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation in Watson's name in order to honor her with the Paul Harris Fellow recognition. Watson stressed, "While I'm honored and proud to be given this recognition, the dedicated volunteers I work with both at the pantry and the CFC garden collectively get the job done and for that, we all need to be thankful."

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Nature clubs lists events

REGION – The Athol Bird and Nature Club hosts Friday morning early bird birding with Jeff Johnstone Fridays, Sept. 18, 25 and Oct. 2 at 7:30 a.m. Participants will join him to look for local species and fall migrants. People may call Jeff at 978-249-9052 to reserve a spot and provide their contact information. It is limited to eight people. All participants must wear facial coverings, practice social distancing at least 6 feet apart for non-family members and bring their own hand sanitizer if needed. No one shall share binoculars or scopes with non-family members. The leader has the right to refuse participation to people who do not follow the policies

A senior hike will be held at Wachusett Meadow, south side, Monday, Sept. 21 2 p.m. It is an easy 3-mile hike. Registration is required. People should contact trailaroundprinceton-ma@gmail.com if they

plan to join or if they change your mind. COVID rules require masks at all stops and 6 feet of distancing.

Ware River Nature Club will hold a zoom meeting on edible wild plants and mushrooms in and around the Ware River Watershed with Russ Cohen Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 7 p.m. Join us for a PowerPoint presentation by Russ, in which he'll discuss a great number of the tastiest species the region has to offer. Keys to the identification of each species will be provided,

along with information on edible portion(s), season(s) of availability and preparation methods, as well as guidelines for safe and environmentally responsible foraging. To join this zoom meeting, people should sign up to receive the Zoom link(s) for this on-line meeting by sending a message to waverivernatureclub@yahoo.com with Zoom Nature in the subject line. This program is supported in part by a grant from the

Hubbardston Cultural Council a local agency, which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

East Quabbin Land Trust will host a hike on Wachusett Reservoir, south, Saturday, Sept. 26 at 9 a.m. It is an easy-to-moderate hike along the reservoir to Route 12 and back, about 4.5 miles, off Route 140 in West Boylston. Registration is required.. People should contact trailaroundprinceton-ma@gmail.com if they plan to join or if they change their mind. COVID rules require masks at all stops and six feet of distancing.

EQLT usually holds first Saturday of the month workdays from 9 a.m. to noon and volunteers help with the maintenance of EQLT properties. People should contact Jess at JCusworth@eqlt.org or at 413-477-8229 to confirm, which location will be the work site.

Second Chance goes virtual with dinnerless auction

EAST BROOKFIELD – Second Chance Animal Services announced plans to host a “DinnerLESS Auction” in place of their twice rescheduled annual dinner auction. The nonprofit contacted ticket holders and sponsors to let them know that under the current state event capacity restrictions, it was impossible to host the annual dinner.

Instead, Second Chance will host four weeks of virtual auctions throughout the month of October, kicked off with a live virtual event on Oct. 3. “So far the reaction has been so positive,” reports Second Chance development director Lindsay Doray. “So many ticket holders have reached out to decline a ticket refund, opting to donate the money to the Second Chance Food Pantry Operation Fund. For years, we’ve distributed food to local food pantries, so no pet goes hungry. The need is great right now; we are helping more pantries than ever before and providing more food to each location.”

Doray and the Dinner Auction Committee are currently preparing for the virtual event and auction, photographing the almost 200 items that were donated for the auction. The public will have the chance to bid on items including the always popular giant dog and cat baskets created by Second Chance CEO Sheryl Blancato. “The auction will be a great way for people to do some Christ-

mas shopping” according to Blancato. “We have lots of gift baskets and gift cards that will be up for grabs and every winning bid will help pets like Dante, a beagle mix who came to us needing surgery for a broken leg after she was hit by a car.” Dante is currently recovering at the home of a Second Chance foster and will be available for adoption after a 2-3-month recovery.

As a nonprofit, Second Chance relies on donations, fundraisers and grants to operate all the programs that help over 40,000 pets a year. As donors face increasingly tough times, Second Chance reports donations are down while the cost of providing programs has increased due to all the extra precautions in place. Anyone interested in helping to sustain all the programs that help pets in need in the community can find many ways to make a donation at www.secondchance-animals.org including “DinnerLESS Auction” tickets, which will support the Food Pantry Operation Fund. Donations can also be made through the Second Chance for Dante Facebook fundraiser to help defray the cost of care for Dante and homeless pets like her, who need extensive veterinary care. Donations are also welcome by mail to Second Chance, 111 Young Road, East Brookfield, MA01515. Information on the “DinnerLESS Auction” will be announced later this month.

The CDC estimates that, on average, alcohol is a factor in the deaths of 4,358 young people under 21 each year.

You can do a lot to help yourself and others by encouraging your peers to make healthy choices and by NEVER supplying alcohol or drugs for others.

Teenagers look up to adults,

{ be worthy of that admiration and keep alcohol away from underage teens! }

Eight basic tips to help you get the conversation started:

www.QHSUA.org/parent-prevention/

Safer Teen Driving in the Quaboag Hills

www.QHSUA.org

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Teens whose caring adults talk to them often about substance use are less likely to use drugs or drink alcohol. Please remember, there is help!

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New Braintree Police Log

For the week of Aug. 17-24, the Hardwick/ New Braintree Police Department conducted 16 building/property checks, 6 radar assignments, 4 motor vehicle stops, 24 directed/area patrols, 4 traffic controls, 3 emergency 911 call, 3 citizen assists and 10 safety hazards in the town of New Braintree.

Monday, Aug. 17

12:49 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Barre Road – Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, Aug. 18

9:50 a.m. Initiated – Suspicious Activity Hardwick Road – Services Rendered

10:48 a.m. Phone – Scam Padre Road – Unknown Outcome

10 p.m. Phone – Suspicious Activity Cemetery Road – Could Not Locate

Wednesday, Aug. 19

7:55 a.m. 911 – Misdial West Brookfield Road – Dispatch Handled

Thursday, Aug. 20

5:58 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Ravine Road – Vehicle Towed

Friday, Aug. 21

9:53 a.m. Phone – Scam Gilbertville Road – Report Taken

5:42 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Hardwick Road – Citation Issued

11:02 p.m. 911 – Hang-up Call West Road – Merge

Sunday, Aug. 23

4:57 p.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Worcester Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency

6:59 p.m. Cellular – Safety Hazard West Brookfield Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency

7:11 p.m. Radio – Safety Hazard Utley Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency

7:34 p.m. Cellular – Safety Hazard Barre Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency

7:50 p.m. Phone – Safety Hazard West Brookfield Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency

7:57 p.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Wine Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency

8:08 p.m. Phone – Safety Hazard West Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency

8:12 p.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard West Road – Checked/Secured

9:35 p.m. Cellular – Safety Hazard West Brookfield Road – Services Rendered

Monday, Aug. 24

6:34 a.m. Phone – Safety Hazard West Brookfield Road – Services Rendered

For the week of Aug. 25-31, the Hardwick/ New Braintree Police Department conducted 17 building/property checks, 6 radar assignments, 7 motor vehicle stops, 19 directed/area patrols, 2 scams, 2 animal calls, 2 emergency 911 call, 2 citizen assists and 1 safety hazard in the town of New Braintree.

Tuesday, Aug. 25

1:55 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Gilbertville Road – Written Warning

Wednesday, Aug. 26

3:30 a.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Accident West Brookfield Road – Arrest(s) Made

10:29 a.m. Phone – Scam Barr Road – Officer Handled

8:02 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Arrest(s) Made

9:51 p.m. Phone – Complaint Ravine Road – Could Not Locate

11:28 p.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard Worcester Road – Officer Handled

11:57 p.m. Phone – Complaint Ravine Road – Officer Handled

Thursday, Aug. 27

12:34 p.m. Phone – Suspicious Activity Unitas Road – Negative Contact

Friday, Aug. 28

11:13 a.m. 911 – Complaint East Quabbin Land Trust Trail – Services Rendered

11:41 a.m. Phone – Complaint Worcester Road – Negative Contact

Saturday, Aug. 29

9:49 a.m. 911 – Misdial Gilbertville Road – No Action Required

Sunday, Aug. 30

11:09 a.m. Phone – Complaint Area of the Rail Trail – Dispatch Handled

East Brookfield Police Log

For the week of Aug. 17-23, the East Brookfield Police Department conducted 88 building/property checks, seven radar assignments, 13 motor vehicle stops, 21 directed/area patrols, three traffic controls, four animal calls, eight emergency 911 calls, one assist citizen, one assist other agency, three safety hazards, one assault, one harassment, one fraud, one threat and one larceny/theft/shoplifting.

Monday, Aug. 17

1:24 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Faith Drive – No Action Required

3:44 p.m. Phone – Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting East Main Street – Arrest(s) Made

6:30 p.m. Phone – Threat Faith Drive – Investigated

Tuesday, Aug. 18

12:44 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop East Main Street – Citation Issued

5:55 p.m. 911 – Harassment West Main Street – Investigated

Wednesday, Aug. 19

12:43 a.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop North Brookfield Road – Citation Issued

1:38 p.m. Phone – Assault Out of Town – Report Taken

5:31 p.m. Phone – Missing Person Drake Lane – Services Rendered

7:37 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Blaine Avenue – Transported to Hospital

Thursday, Aug. 20

4:04 p.m. Phone – Fraud Harrington Street – Report Taken

Friday, Aug. 21

1:09 a.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop West Main Street – Citation Issued

3:50 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop East Main Street – Citation Issued

5:33 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop East Main Street – Arrest(s) Made

Arrest: Andrew T. Moreau, East Brookfield

Warrant; Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License; Fail to Inspect

6:54 p.m. 911 – Safety Hazard East Main Street – Services Rendered

Saturday, Aug. 22

10:38 a.m. Phone – Stolen Plate Gleason Avenue – Report Taken

3:54 p.m. 911 – Motor Vehicle Accident Cottage Street – Services Rendered

5:59 p.m. Phone – Medical Alarm Stone Road – Transported to Hospital

7:40 p.m. 911 – Misdial High Rocks Road – Services Rendered

Sunday, Aug. 23

2:02 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Flagg Road – Transported to Hospital

8:25 a.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop East Main Street – Citation Issued

9:18 a.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop East Main Street – Citation Issued

9:36 a.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop East Main Street – Written Warning

10:17 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Lane 7 – Transported to Hospital

2:34 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency East Main Street – Transported to Hospital

5:49 p.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Howe Street – Services Rendered

6:19 p.m. Radio – Safety Hazard Depot Square – Taken/Referred to Other Agency

State announces \$20 million to support social services, small businesses

BOSTON - Today, the Baker-Polito Administration announced \$19.6 million for municipalities to address emergency needs in light of the Coronavirus pandemic. This funding will support 181 communities in their work to provide vital services to low-income residents and small businesses affected by the recent outbreak.

Local governments and regional consortiums will fund social services, including homelessness prevention, food pantries and assistance, and job training for in-demand health care workers

and technicians. Many communities will also make grants available for local small businesses with five or less employees. 36 lead awardees will organize within their respective municipality or region to deliver services.

The Department of Housing and Community Development made this \$19.6 million award through the federally-funded Community Development Block Grant program. Congress allocated new emergency funding for the program through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, the CARES Act, to

address substantial needs in low and moderate-income communities affected by the pandemic. DHCD has received \$46 million in special CDBG funds so far, and is distributing funding across municipalities and stakeholders to meet increased needs, with a focus on helping households maintain housing stability.

In June, the Baker-Polito Administration announced a \$20 million Emergency Rental and Mortgage Assistance program, which is also funded in part through this federal allocation.

This new fund will help more low-income households who have lost employment or income due to the pandemic maintain stable housing, and builds on DHCD's existing homelessness prevention program, RAFT. In March, Gov. Charlie Baker announced a \$5 million infusion for the fund to address increased need. DHCD has received more than \$160 million in federal funding through the CARES Act, including more than \$20 million that has

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SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS
Should we get married or just live together?

By Russell Gloor
Guest columnist

Dear Rusty: My question is about benefits and getting married. I am a retired man, 65-years-old, and collecting Social Security plus two pensions. My girlfriend will turn 62 this October and plans to apply for Social Security benefits on her 62nd birthday. If we were to get married, would we be affected money wise? Or should we just live together? Signed: Contemplating Marriage

Dear Contemplating Marriage: Your own Social Security benefit will not be affected in any way if you get married, unless your potential new bride is a very high earner and her Social Security entitlement at her full retirement age (which is 66 years and 8 months) is more than twice the full benefit amount you were entitled to at your full retirement age (even though you claimed your benefits earlier). In that case, you would become eligible for a spousal benefit from your new wife after you are married for one year.

If, however, your potential bride is the lower earner and claims at 62, but is entitled to a Social Security benefit at her full retirement age, which is less than 50% of your FRA benefit amount, your new wife may be entitled to a “spousal boost” from you after you are married for a year. I cannot tell you the answer to those questions without knowing your respective benefit amounts at each of your full retirement ages.

You may also wish to consider potential survivor benefits. If you are married and one spouse dies, the surviving spouse is entitled to 100% of the amount the deceased spouse was collecting at their death, if the surviving spouse has reached full retirement age (otherwise the survivor benefit is reduced for claiming it early). The surviving spouse gets the survivor benefit if that benefit is more than they are entitled to on their own.

In any case, neither of you would be eligible for a Social Security spousal benefit or survivor benefit from the other unless you are married (you must be married for at least one year to get a spousal benefit and at least nine months for a survivor benefit).

Note that so-called “common law” marriage isn’t recognized in most U.S. states, and Social Security goes by state law on that topic. The only states which currently recognize common law marriage are Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Montana, New Hampshire, South Carolina, Texas, and Utah (and the District of Columbia). So, unless you were to live in one of those states, or in D.C., cohabiting would not be considered a “marriage” for the purposes of Social Security benefits, and no spousal or survivor benefits would be available to either of you.

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Winter rye is a great investment in next year’s garden

You might think that sowing the seeds of anything this time of year is a waste. Not so! In fact, planting winter rye is a great investment in next year’s garden. Who couldn’t use a bit more organic matter in their soil? I know I could, and incorporating winter rye grass into the garden patch come springtime is a great way to achieve that goal. Winter rye is one of the few winter hardy cover crops.

What exactly is a cover crop? A simplified but accurate definition would be: “a group of like or mixed plants that protect and enrich the soil.” Instead of leaving the ground barren for any length of time, and thereby at risk of erosion and nutrient loss, we plant cover crops. Experienced cover croppers plant them even in the summer months, in any part of the garden not taken up by crops. I have been most successful utilizing them during late fall and winter.

Winter rye (*Secale cereale*) is my cover crop of choice. It is hardy in our area and can be planted successfully after the garden is cleaned up for the season. As its name would suggest, winter rye is a grain that belongs to a large plant family by the name of Gramineae. Besides other grains such as wheat, barley, and oats, this family includes bamboo and many of our favorite lawn grasses among its members. Many legumes and clovers are also used as cover crops. They have the advantage of “fixing” nitrogen from the air and returning it to the soil where it can feed other plants. One legume by the name of hairy vetch will successfully overwinter in our climate and is often used as a companion to winter rye. It can’t be sown as late, however, so I stick with my old stand-by.

Winter rye, when sown in the early fall establishes itself quickly. Thick, fibrous roots anchor the soil during the winter and spring months, protecting it from erosion caused by wind and rain. These same roots will hold on to valuable nutrients, preventing them from being leached out of the ground during

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Roberta McQuaid

spring run-off. Besides all of that, the amount of organic matter winter rye adds to the soil when tilled in prior to spring planting is remarkable. At less than \$30 per 50 pound bag, it is well worth the monetary investment.

After the harvest what is left of my garden is hauled off to the compost pile. I hoe up the rows a bit and sow the seed by hand, “broadcast” it if you will, by scat-

tering it in one direction, then the other. After all the seed is sown, I cover it by dragging the flat end of a steel rack back and forth in the soil. If rain is not in the forecast, I’ll water every day for a few days in a row. Germination should occur in a week or so but will cease at the first sign of super cold weather.

When the ground begins to thaw, winter rye will start growing again. I glory in a green “lawn” in March, even if it is only in my garden. About a month prior to planting other crops I chop down the grass with hedge clippers and turn the plants into soil by hand. For big plots you can enlist the help of a rototiller. Here a weed whacker or lawnmower would be put to good use cutting down the grass first. This step prevents tall grass blades from getting caught in the tines of the tiller and will also expedite decomposition of the rye into the soil. It is important to wait until decomposition occurs prior to planting anything else since this process may inhibit the growth of some plants. As mentioned a month or even three weeks will suffice. If I know I am going to start peas or other very early crops I do leave a section of the garden free of rye so that sowing is easy.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.

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In My Backyard

By Ellenor Downer

Last week, I had to stop on two different occasions to let wild turkey hens and their polts cross the road. Both times the turkeys included several hens with their broods.

There was a time when wild turkeys no longer existed in the state. A reintroduction of these native birds proved successful. Now, people see wild turkeys on a regular basis.

The wild turkey is easily identified by its turkey shape and large size, 36 to 49 inches. Its body is brown and iridescent. The head is naked. The male or Tom is larger and more iridescent than the female. The male also has a beard, a tuft of hair like feathers on its breast. The female usually lacks the beard, but there are some bearded hens.

Wild turkeys inhabit open forest, forest edges and wooded swamps. They feed on the ground eating nuts, acorns and seeds. They also eat grains, vegetation, insects, frogs and lizards.

The hen turkey lays six to 20 eggs with buff marks placed in a nest placed in a natural or scraped depression on the ground. The hen lines the nest with leaves and grasses. The females raise the young.

Wild turkeys make gobbling, yelping and clucking noises. In courtship, the male struts and gobbles with its tail feathers fanned. The female responds with a yelping call. Males may mate with many females during the breeding season.

Bear with two cubs

Last week, about two hours before I saw a flock of hens and their polts, I saw a black bear female with two cubs cross in about the same area of the road. I was glad to be in my car and not walking along the road. There were two cars behind me. One car pulled off the road on the side the trio entered a wooded area. The driver most likely hoped to see them again as they walked in the woods.

A talked to a resident of the area and she said she has seen two females each with two cubs.

Cardinal in the sun

Last week, a male cardinal landed on a fallen hemlock in my backyard. He perched on a branch in full sunlight. His red feathers and black marks on the face stood out in the sunlight.

Great blue heron

I still see a great blue heron at Long Pond in Rutland. He is either near shore or wading in a shallow part of the pond farther from shore.

Hummingbirds

The ruby-throated hummingbirds are still here. They visit my nectar feeders frequently. I continue to clean and fill the two feeders every other day. I recently purchased a top filling nectar feeder. It is so much easier to clean than the other feeder that I have.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100 or emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com.

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Sturbridge Rotary awards eight scholarships to Tantasqua students

The Sturbridge Rotary Club has been awarding scholarships each year to local students for the past 47 years. The first scholarship was for \$500 and the amount awarded has steadily increased over the years. This year Sturbridge Rotary awarded scholarships of \$1,000 each to six students from Tantasqua Regional High School. Cumulatively, Rotary is proud to have awarded over \$214,000 in local scholarships.

The scholarship committee chose the following students based upon the club's criteria of personal and scholastic achievement, participation in school activities including sports as well

as community service through work and volunteering.

This year's recipients of Sturbridge Rotary Scholarships are Jennifer Collins, Olivia George, Jordan Lapierre, Erin Shae McCarthy, Brian Daniel Riel and Leia Krans. Leia Krans also received the \$500 "Wendall Wright Memorial Award." Wendall was an educator and long-time supporter of Rotary.

Additionally, a one-time \$3,000 "Phil Carlson Memorial Award" was received by Arianna Renee Taft. Phil was a 50-year member of Rotary and served as Scholarship Chairman for many years.

Sturbridge Rotary Club is

one of 35,000 clubs worldwide providing humanitarian service as members of Rotary International. Beyond the local and international help that we provide, we are most proud of our support of educational programs for youth such as sponsoring students to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Award program as well as awarding scholarships to the young men and women that we recognize here. These students will receive their funding upon completion of their first semester. To learn more about Sturbridge Rotary please visit us at www.sturbridgerotary.org or www.facebook.com/sturbridgerotary.

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Stewart said, "Additionally, Todd [Stewart] and the Board of Directors surprised Heather and me with a letter sent out to our supporters asking for donations in honor of our 50th wedding anniversary." The couple met as counselors at Camp Putnam and for most of their 50 years of marriage were and still are involved in Camp Putnam.

Stewart said, "It was a strange feeling at camp this summer with no kids singing, laughing and of course, slamming screen doors." With the absence of regular fundraising activities, staff and the board of directors focused on low cost maintenance projects.

Stewart said, "Thanks to a donations of 24 yards of loam and grass seed we converted several old dirt roads to grass paths." Mowing of grass and landscaping improvements continued all over camp. In two of the four villages, the porches of the head counselor's cabin was converted from open to screened porch. One of the boys' villages received new bunk beds, which were built on site primarily from donated materials. Cabins were painted as well as doing routine repairs to screens, doors and steps.

Stewart said, "[It was] a pretty un-eventful summer."

In the next two months, two fundraising activities will take

place: Calendar for Kids and Fall Harvest Dinner to Go. People may buy a ticket for a month long gift card giveaway: one ticket drawn everyday for a month with chance to win multiple times with the Calendar for Kids. Fall Harvest Dinner to Go will provide "to-go" servings of a prime rib dinner.

For details on these fundraisers or to help Camp Putnam weather the pandemic by making a donation, people may go to the camp's website at campputnam.org. Stewart said, "As of now, our plans for next summer are to return to providing kids with the best summer camp experience possible."

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been distributed to Community Action Agencies for anti-poverty work, and is preparing to allocate additional funding for shelter providers. DHCD continues to be in close contact with the stakeholder network, and is working with CHAPA and Mass Housing Partnership to track local emergency rental assistance programs and other resources available to those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. This month, the Baker-Polito Administration unveiled a COVID-19 economic recovery package to respond to challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. The \$275 million package, designed to promote equity across the Commonwealth, includes \$85 million for housing efforts, including investments in neighborhood stabilization and sustainable, climate resilient affordable housing, as well as \$50 million in targeted relief for small and minority-owned businesses.

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Scholarship program seeks youth volunteers

BOSTON – Through Nov. 10, Prudential Financial and the National Association of Secondary School Principals are calling on Massachusetts youth volunteers to apply for scholarships and national recognition through The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

Massachusetts students in grades 5-12 are invited to apply for 2021 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards if they have made meaningful contributions to their communities through volunteering within the past 12 months, virtually or otherwise. The application is available at <http://spirit.prudential.com>.

“More than 25 years ago, we founded The Prudential Spirit of Commu-

nity Awards to honor young volunteers working to meet the needs of our changing world, a mission that feels especially timely today,” said Charles Lowrey, chairman and CEO of Prudential Financial. “As life evolves due to COVID-19, young Americans are continuing to address urgent issues facing their communities, and we celebrate their service in hopes that they’ll inspire others to do the same.”

“While this is one of the most unusual times in recent history for American students, we know that young volunteers have a long history of rising to the challenges of the moment,” said JoAnn Bartoletti, executive director and CEO

of NASSP. “Today through Nov. 10, we call on parents, educators and local leaders to join us in celebrating the young volunteers who are innovating and adapting to serve their communities, and setting an important example for their peers in the process.”

The top middle level and high school volunteer from each state and the District of Columbia will be named State Honorees in February. They will receive \$1,000 scholarships, engraved silver medallions and an invitation to the program’s national recognition events in early May.

In May, the program will name America’s top 10 youth volunteers of 2021. Those National Honorees will receive additional \$5,000 scholarships, gold medallions, crystal tro-

phies for their nominating schools or organizations and \$5,000 Prudential grants for nonprofit charitable organizations of their choice.

Local-level honorees in each state will receive awards ranging from bronze medallions to certificates. Qualifying local honorees also receive President’s Volunteer Service Awards.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards was created in 1995 to recognize the exemplary volunteer work of middle level and high school students. Since then, awards have been granted to more than 140,000 middle and high school students across the country at the local, state and national level. Spirit of Community programs are also conducted in Japan, Ireland, India, China and Brazil, where Prudential has significant business operations.

For complete details on the 2021 program and the stories of Massachusetts’ top youth volunteers from years past, people may visit <http://spirit.prudential.com>.

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SPORTS

Student-athletes set to begin practices this Friday

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION – The week many area athletes have been waiting for has come. After six long months of no interscholastic sports, high school fall teams will be able to “take the field” starting this Friday, Sept. 18.

After months of virtual meetings, postponement after postponement from the spring season, and a month-long delay to the fall season, high school players will finally get to

start working toward a modified season.

There will be at least two weeks of practices for most teams before games are scheduled to begin. According to the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association plan, games can begin playing on Oct. 1, about a month past when games normally begin. Games typically start the day after Labor Day, which is when most students go back to school.

Student-athletes will be un-

der strict guidelines as they navigate the murky waters of being able to return to action.

Agawam High School Athletic Director David Stratton serves on both the Sports Medicine Subcommittee for the MIAA’s Board of Directors, and the Board of Directors for the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Association, the governing body of most sports and the schools in the Western Massachusetts region.

Stratton said there will be a clear focus on keeping students

safe. He said the most important thing to the area schools is ensuring athletes are able to get on the field and play games without setbacks.

“We just want to be able to play and not get shut down,” said Stratton.

While players are set to take the field this Friday, they will do so without schedules finalized.

Stratton said this is because the PVIAC is still waiting for all schools to complete votes on whether they will be partic-

ipating.

Among the schools the PVIAC is waiting on are Chicopee (and Chicopee Comprehensive), Pathfinder Regional, and a potential re-vote in Southwick.

Chicopee’s school committee was tentatively scheduled to vote on Sept. 16. It is not known when the other votes were supposed to take place. Southwick’s school committee had originally voted no to the

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No playoffs, but fall season of great importance in many ways

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The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association and the several state government agencies have finally come to agreements and there will be a “fall season.”

While there are many who are unhappy with the significantly modified rules for soccer and field hockey, you can guarantee the athletes who will take the field at the end of this week will be grateful to do so.

Granted, soccer will change significantly. No walls to block close-range direct kicks, no corner kicks to headers for goals. The game will be different.

But after six months of almost “lockdown” conditions, the athletes who will participate in these modified games will be able to take advantage of the benefits offered by playing interscholastic sports.

First, they will get to work on teamwork and great communication skills. Those will be important now more than ever as the players get used to these temporary rules. These are values and skills that are taught no matter what, but most players have gone without this repetition for six months. Soccer players, specifically, also missed out on a summer season that is always so valuable to in preparing for the very competitive fall season.

Second, many of the student athletes who will be seniors this year will not have to suffer the

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Todd Patnode won a close race to take the modified event.



Kevin Cormier, a driver from Agawam, took the mini-stock race last Saturday at Monadnock Speedway.

Local driver Cormier wins mini-stock race

By Gary Dutton

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Todd Patnode (Swanzy, NH) made a late-race pass to earn his third NHSTRA Modified feature of the year Saturday (September 12) at

The high-banked speedplant completed its 13th event of the season Saturday, and when all was said and done, one driver had taken her first victory lap of the year, Aaron Fellows (Croydon, NH) had stormed to his track-high eleventh feature win, and the sizzling Curtis twins, Jaret and Chase, were again tied atop the Street Stock title race.

The Six Shooter division made its maiden Monadnock run Saturday, with southern-staters Brandon Mailhot (Epping, NH) and Adam Knowles first and second under the flags, and Granite State Mini Cup ace Skeeter Beerce was dominant in both his heat and feature races.

Kevin Pittsinger and Trevor Bleau led the Mod Squad to the green in the night’s 40-lap main event, with Bleau – up in smoke a week earlier – jumping all over the opening lead. Scott MacMichael and Cam-

eron Houle chased Bleau to the front, but Patnode, from row four, was on the move early.

Patnode got up for third on lap ten, took second on the 25th circuit, and had soon reeled Bleau in. And, while almost everyone’s eyes were glued on the front pair, rookie Cory Plummer – from row six – was having a career night just behind them.

Using the inside groove, Patnode inched ahead as lap 34 was completed. Bleau stayed glued to his bumper the final six laps, matching his season-best finish of opening night in second. Plummer’s huge run netted him third, Ben Byrne came home fourth, and track points leader – third in national points too – Brian Robie was fifth.

Jaret Curtis (Rutland, NH) took the lead from Tim Wenzel on lap 13 of the Street Stock feature and never looked back. Chris Buffone used a rub to take second on lap 17 but could advance no further, earning runner-up honors with Chase Curtis glued to his bumper in third. It was Jaret Curtis’ third win of the season.

Aaron Fellows passed Jus-

tin Littlewood for the lead on lap nine of the Late Model Sportsman feature, shrugged off a late-race tap from runner-up Adam Gray, and stormed off to his eleventh win, against one runner-up finish, this season. Gray was second, and Robert Hagar third.

Kevin Cormier (Agawam, Ma) took the lead from Kevin Russell on lap 14 of the Mini Stock main event, then holding strong to earn his second 2020 victory lap. Clayton finished his impressive night’s work in second, with veteran hot shoe Pat Houle coming from row six to post his season-best finish in third.

Top points man Gordon Farnum was fourth in Saturday’s Minis, and now leads the championship points chase by 24 markers over Granby, Mass. hot shoe Nathan Wenzel.

Jason Leray set a fast pace the first six laps of the Pure Stock feature but bobbled on a restart and was quickly shuffled backward. Points leader Mike Douglas took charge on lap nine but was soon gobbled up by Erin Aiken (Claremont, NH), who then socially dis-

tanced herself from the field to score her first win this season, accomplishing the feat aboard the same car her husband, Dave, had driven to victory twice earlier in the season.

Brandon Mailhot started up front and led all the way to win the first-ever Six Shooter feature on the high banks. Adam Knowles was second, and Claremont racer Paul Colburn strong in third.

With only two weeks remaining in the 2020 racing season, fans will have another opportunity to enjoy an early-fall night of exciting outdoor entertainment when Monadnock Speedway hosts a full card of oval track racing this Saturday, September 19, on the storied quarter-mile.

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MONADNOCK SPEEDWAY SEPTEMBER 12 RESULTS:

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Fall 1 season and wanted to postpone all sports to Fall 2. But a massive demonstration by the student population is likely leading to a re-vote this week. Southwick is the only school in the Pioneer Valley to have noted to do no sports during the first fall season. Because the rest of the surrounding schools are participating, Southwick students argued they would have no one to play during the Fall 2 season, when football is scheduled to take place. The Fall 2 season is supposed to take place in late February through April, presumably after restrictions from the pandemic would ease up.

Stratton said he hoped to see schedules out by the end of the week once the votes are completed.

Stratton said schedules will likely be around 10 or 12 games for most teams. The MIAA is not sponsoring any playoffs, but Stratton said the PVIAC is not ruling it out.

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same unfortunate fate as the Class of 2020's spring athletes. Those student-athletes lost out on their entire final seasons in baseball, softball, lacrosse, tennis, track, and boys volleyball. Additionally, these seniors will be making decisions about where they want to go to college and have this one opportunity be scouted for these sports. The college recruitment process is also pretty important to many skilled juniors.

And third, everyone's mental health will benefit from the return to high school sports. More than any other competitive sports league, even professionals, are the enjoyment for parents of watching their children compete at the highest level, varsity. When that was taken away from athletes, coaches, and parents, it was a very tough time. Instead of practicing daily, students were shuttered to their homes. They were unable to see friends, work out, and improve their skills. The extended closure of most public places further exacerbated those restrictions. Now that high school sports are returning, it will great improve that morale among students. An opportunity to play, compete, and ultimately, have fun. Which is something most high school athletes have not had since the state basketball playoffs were abruptly shut down on March 10.

Hopefully everyone will do their part, wearing masks, socially distancing, and making every effort to obey modified rules so nothing will be shut down as we continue the elusive wait for a vaccine and a return to normalcy.

In the meantime, good luck to the Fall 1 athletes on this important step back to normalcy.

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Stewart McCormack, Cameron Houle, Eric Leclair, Brad Zahensky, Kevin Pittsinger

Street Stocks: Jaret Curtis, Chris Buffone, Chase Curtis, Tim Wenzel, Hillary Renaud, Kenny Thompson, Robbie Streeter, Paul Barnard, Bryan Granger, Ed Brehio, Craig Chaffee

Late Model Sportsman: Aaron Fellows, Adam Gray, Robert Hagar, Cole Littlewood, Will Kuhn, Camdyn Curtis, John Meany, Scott Beck, Dan Comeau, Nancy Muni-Ruot, Justin Littlewood

Six Shooters: Brandon Mailhot, Adam Knowles, Paul Colburn, Jeremy Blood, David Piper, Travis Hollins, Chris Hadley, John Voorhees, Ben Bushey, Todd Maguire, Ray Luce, Chooch Snide, Chris Colburn, Brian Stefano, Scott Wade, Dakota Lanou

Mini Stocks: Kevin Cormier, Kevin Clayton, Pat Houle, Gordon Farnum, Tim Leblanc, Nathan Wenzel, William Chaffee, Shelby Avery, Jeff Asselin, Jeff Heath, Louis Maher II, Kyle Poodiack, Jake Puchalski, Kevin Russell, Kevin McKnight

Pure Stocks (unofficial): Erin Aiken, Jimmy Zellman, Mike Douglas, Chris Davis, Damon Roy, ,Matt Lambert, Nolan McClay, Doug Nelson, JD Stockwell, Nick Houle, Randy Phillips, Brandon Lavoie, Cory Lofland, Jason Leray, Bruce Clark, Ryan Lawliss



Chris Tallman, of South Hadley, chips during action at Mohegan Sun Golf Club. Tallman was part of a winning team that was playing for charity.



Golfers gather around one of the holes during action.

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Local golfer competes in charity tournament

UNCASVILLE – The Connecticut PGA Pro Veteran Invitational golf tournament that took place last Thursday at Mohegan Sun Golf Club in Baltic, Conn.

This great event kicked off with a Color Guard Ceremony performed by the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and the National Anthem sung by Mohegan Sun's Director of Transportation, Derrick Williams. From there, CT PGA Pro's joined teams of veterans for an 18-hole scramble score competition.

Upon completion of a successful tournament where social distancing guidelines were in practice, Chris Tallman, from Orchards Golf Club in Hadley, MA, took home the Individual Low PGA Professional award, shooting a 68.

The overall winning team (-13), representing Orchard Golf Club, consisted of David Bombard, David Watson, Kyle Wylie and Jay Milkey, along with Chris Tallman, PGA.

Dennis Dungee of the Connecticut Section PGA, along with host PGA Professionals Philip Krick Jr. and Michel Painchaud, presented winners with crystal trophy awards and assorted prizes.

“Our goal with this annual event is to support local and regional veterans and programs through the game of golf,” said Dennis Dungee, CT Section PGA and Philip Krick, Jr., PGA Mohegan Sun Golf Club.

The majority of funds raised from this event, which was nearly \$2,000, will benefit the Salute Military Golf Association of New England, under the leadership of Jerry Shanahan. This organization's mission is to help in the healing of wounded veterans through the power of golf. To learn more, visit www.SMGA.org/Boston.

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To ensure we can create the safest environment for your player due to COVID19 precautions, we are still working on exact dates and times to conduct tryouts for the 2020-2021 season. Players may be invited to smaller training sessions and/or limited attendance tryout venues. You will be notified with options via email.

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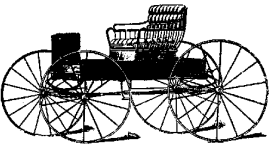
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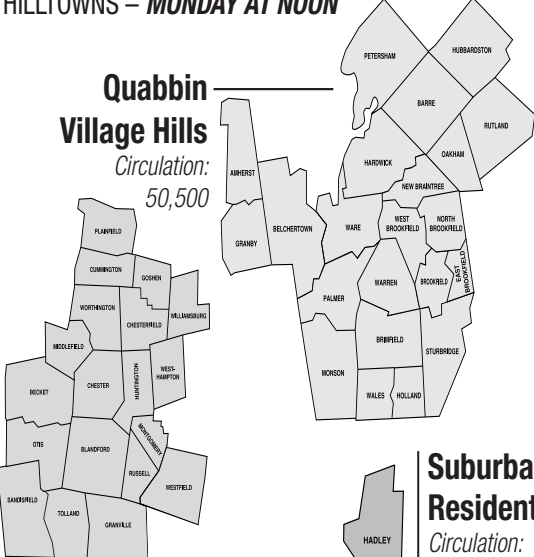
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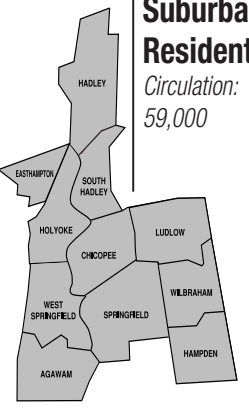
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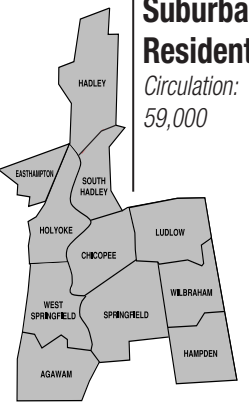
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Article 5 asks voters to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the M.G.L. as amended: Chairman of Selectmen, Selectman #2, Selectman #3, Auditor, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Moderator, Town Clerk, Assessor #1, Assessor #2, and Assessor #3, and raise and appropriate such sums as necessary to cover these costs.

Article asks the town to vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to appoint one or more of their membership to work for compensation and to establish an hourly rate to be paid from an

Assessors' Payroll Account.

Article 7 if approved would authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 17.

Article 8 would authorize the Library Board of Trustees to retain all monies received for the twelve-month period beginning July 1, 2020, by the Town Treasurer under Chapter 78 of the M.G.L. (State Aid to Libraries) and any other unexpected source, said sums to be held over and carried forward for the general use of the Library.

Article 9 pursuant to M.G.L. C. 44, §54E1/2, as most recently amended, to set Fiscal Year 2021 spending limits for the Revolving Funds as follows, or take any other action in relation thereto: Conservation Commission \$5,000, Parks and Recreation Commission \$5,000, Inspection Services \$25,000, Board of Health \$10,000, Town Hall Committee \$5,000, Deputy Tax Collector \$5,000, Animal Control Officer \$7,000 and Planning Board \$7,500.

The final article 10 asks the town vote to approve a donation of land from Joan R. Walker and Randall P. Walker to the East Quabbin Land Trust, Inc.

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LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF WEST BROOKFIELD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 40A, Section 5, the West Brookfield Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing in the Town Hall, Lower Level Meeting Room -2 East Main Street, West Brookfield at 7:05 PM, on **Monday October 5th 2020**, to consider proposed amendments to the Town's Zoning Bylaw, Section 3.28 Solar Energy Facilities, as petitioned by the Board of Selectmen.

The proposal would amend the following seven items: Adding to Section 3.28.1 limiting the number of solar facilities in the Town to 6; Adding to Section 3.28.8.D new paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 regarding insurance requirements; Adding to Section 3.28.10.C Design Standards regarding "solar trees" and battery boxes; Deleting from Section 3.28.17.B on Financial Surety and replacing it with new language on Financial Surety; Adding to Section 3.28.17.C; and Adding to Section 3.28.17.D amend-

ments pertaining to Special Permit and decommissioning of solar field.

Any person interested or wishing to be heard on these zoning proposals should appear at the time and place designated. The full text of the proposed zoning amendments and the existing zoning bylaw may be reviewed at the Town Clerk's Office, 2 East Main Street, West Brookfield, Massachusetts, by appointment.

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